

JULY 9, 2012

Virginia: At a regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Chatham, held at the Chatham Fire Station at 7:00 P.M. on July 9, 2012.

Present: Joseph H. Rogers, Mayor

Robert B. Thompson, Vice Mayor

Council Members: Janet R. Bishop, William P. Black, Roy P. Byrd, and Andrew D. Wall.

Attorney: Larry Gott.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation was led by Mayor Rogers.

Council approved the Agenda as presented on a motion by Byrd seconded by Wall.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Bishop, Black, Byrd, Thompson, and Wall.

Recognition and hearing of Citizens:

Gary Barker of 41 Lanier Ave.:

Mr. White represented the residents of Lanier Ave and requested assistance from the Town for a solution to the issues with the property on the corner of Lanier and Peach.

Jolene Wallace of Chatham Terrace Apartments:

Request to question the rezoning of the Old Chatham Elementary School. Request denied in accordance to code as Public Hearings were held the previous week.

Attorney: Larry Gott stated council can suspend rule for questions from Wallace.

No Motion to suspend rule.

C.B. Cundiff-343 South Main Street:

Requested one more Committee meeting regarding property Ordinance.

Town Manager Report:

Town Manager Edmund Giles in his report outlined the following; three employees going to Virginia Tech to Water Treatment class and also Wastewater Treatment class in the amount of \$2,697.00. Motion-Byrd Seconded by Wall.

The Vote: Aye: Black, Wall, Byrd, Thompson and Bishop.

Daniel Tree Care removed a dead poplar tree from Virginia Withers residence the tree was on town property leaning toward Mrs. Withers house in the amount of \$350.00. Daniel Tree Care also removed a tree that was damaged at the water plant and two at the maintenance yard in the amount of \$850.00.

Crew has been dealing with a lot of debris due to the storms and we had to rent a chipper to help with this. Town's chipper was in the shop for repairs.

Brush and debris letter was sent to all Town residents with the last billing statement which explained the Town's policy for brush and debris pick-up.

Mr. Giles stated he applied for a grant from VML to purchase a gas monitor for confined spaces. This was suggested by the VML Inspector who came and looked at the wastewater plant. The grant will reimburse us the cost which is \$1795.00. Request from Council to purchase gas monitor. Agenda #12

The Fire Department responded to a call at 193 Wards Lane which is off of Hillcrest Ln. When leaving the Fire Truck hit Mrs. Sharon Kelly's vehicle which was parked in her driveway. The insurance company, Selective Insurance Company of America, has denied payment for the repairs to Mrs. Kelly's car. Agenda # 15

Met with Scott Ehrhardt to discuss the intake at the Water plant. We can apply for a grant from the Department of Health to pay for this Preliminary Engineering Review. Also we will have to apply to other sources to help pay for work that needs to be done.

Ferguson Construction and Supply has started on the new building at the maintenance yard.

Sludge has been removed at the sewage plant.

During hot weather two couplings went out due to the weather and use. Everything has been repaired and plant is back in full operation.

Corinth Christian Church on Reid St. has requested an additional Handicap parking space in front of the Church. Agenda #13

Harris Field Playground equipment has been paid for and we are still waiting for a reply from the Minnie Maude Foundation as to receiving money from them. We have received money from Danville Regional Foundation and Womack Foundation.

Kermit Gibson excavating came and graded pad for new building and pushed up debris at Hillcrest Cemetery where we have been dumping street debris.

As of today, one of the intake pumps at the water plant has malfunctioned. Rodney has contacted a company who will be finding out what the problem is the following day.

No report from Chief Wright.

Report from David Cothran:

We had a good year and did not exceed our budget primarily due to Tobacco Commission grant. A lot was completed to the town. The implementation of DMV stops within the next 30 days.

On a motion by Byrd seconded by Wall to amend the minutes to include the freezing of health insurance rate.

On a motion by Byrd seconded by Wall council approved the consent agenda including salaries and bills paid and unpaid in the amount of \$268,719.12.

The Vote: Aye: Thompson, Bishop, Byrd, Wall and Black.

Report from the Planning Commission-Jane Depaulo.

Mrs. DePaulo read A recommendation to Town Council regarding Paragraph#3 of Section 6C. A-3 Residence District Area Requirements of the Town of Chatham Zoning Ordinance.

On behalf of the Ordinance committee, Black thanked the Planning Commission for its diligence and advice and the public for attending the hearing. The Ordinance Committee has voted to presents this to town council for approval.

On a motion by Black seconded by Wall Council approved to amend the zoning ordinance by



deleting in its entirety paragraph #3 of Section 6C.

The Vote: Aye: Byrd, Bishop, Wall, Black and Thompson

Mrs. DePaulo read a recommendation from the Planning Commission to Town Council in regards to a request from Echelon resources, Inc., to Mr. Edmund Giles, requesting to change the zoning of the property located at 100 Chatham Elementary Lane (aka) "Old" Chatham Elementary School, from A-1 Residence to A-3 Residence.

On a motion by Black seconded by Wall Council approved to change the zoning of 100 Chatham Elementary School Lane from A-1 Residence to A-3 Residence.

On a motion by Thompson to table the recommendation and send back to the Ordinance Committee to study the issue further—no seconded. Motion failed.

Request by Black to consider the previous question to approve to change the zoning of 100

Chatham Elementary School Lane from A-1 Residence to A-3 Residence.

Byrd comments.

The Vote: Aye: Black, Bishop, and Wall

Nay: Byrd, Thompson

Town Manager stated nothing to add Harris field report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Approve new traffic fines and fees.

On a motion by Thompson seconded by Wall to upgrade the traffic fines and fees on the violation notices.

The Vote: Aye: Wall, Black, Bishop, Thompson and Byrd.

Approve VML Risk Management Grant as stated in Town Managers Report.

On a motion by Bishop seconded by Thompson to approve to spend 1795.00 for a gas monitor which will be reimbursed by VML Grant.

The Vote: Aye: Thompson, Byrd, Black, Wall and Bishop.

Request for additional Handicap parking in front of the Corinth Christian Church.

On a motion by Wall seconded by Thompson to approve additional Handicap space in front of the Corinth Christian Church.

The Vote: Aye: Bishop, Black, Byrd, Thompson and Wall.

Request by Finance Committee Chair Byrd for truck repair for transmission by Steve's Automotive which includes a 3 year warranty.

On a motion by Byrd seconded by Wall to approve truck repair.

The Vote: Aye: Wall, Thompson, Byrd, Black and Bishop.

Police & Fire Committee Chair Thompson stated Chatham Volunteer Fire Department hit a car leaving the scene of the fire. The county insurance denied the claim, claiming sovereign immunity.

Request to submit claim to \_\_\_\_\_.

## **OTHER BUSINESS AND LETTERS OF INTEREST**

Green Rock Calculation

Review New Laws

## REPORTS FROM MAYOR & COMMITTEES

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Finance & Personnel Committee-Byrd stated we had a good year. Have accomplished a lot and ending year on a good financial footing thanks to council.

Town Properties Committee-Thompson-nothing else to report

Growth & Renewal Committee-Bishop- Flower baskets looks amazing and commends Town Manager. Discussion on meter to water plants. No need to put in water line because of cost to the town.

Ordinance Committee-Black. Will meet and go over the new fines and ordinance. No time for meeting set.

Streets & Solid Waste Committee-Wall-Commend Edmund & town for keeping the streets looking fantastic.

Police & Fire Committee-Thompson- Questioned of grant for police car. Officer Lawson stated he was working on the grant.

Mayor Rogers stated next council meeting is August 13, 2012 at 7:00pm. We have a Cruise-in on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Requested by Chamber of Commerce for Mayor to make comments about the Town on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Request Personnel Committee to meet for personnel issues. Request to meet for Water/Sewer Committee regarding intake pump.

Having no further business council was adjourned.

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Attest:























